

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A spacer for a fuel assembly of a boiling water reactor, comprising:

a frame formed with outer webs and inner webs oriented crossways with respect to one another;

gills formed on an outer side of said outer webs and projecting to a given extent from said outer side; ~~and~~

a plurality of projections each formed by a bulge in a wall of said outer webs and projecting outwardly to a greater extent than said given extent of said gills, said projections being disposed in a region of a respective said inner web;  
and

a deflector lug formed integrally on a lower edge of said projections.

Claim 2 (original). The spacer according to claim 1, wherein said projections are formed below said gills.

Claim 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (currently amended). The spacer according to claim ~~3~~  
1, wherein said inner web has a lateral edge and a first  
supporting section integrally formed on and laterally  
projecting beyond said lateral edge, wherein said first  
supporting section extends into and is connected to said  
projection.

Claim 5 (original). The spacer according to claim 4, wherein  
said inner web has a lower edge and a second supporting  
section integrally formed on said lower edge, said second  
supporting section having an inclined edge and a deflector  
lug supported against said inclined edge.

Claim 6 (original). The spacer according to claim 4, wherein  
said projection has an outer side formed with a recess, said  
recess extends in an axial direction and having formed  
therein a slot with said first supporting section at least  
partially penetrating through said slot.